Foreman Testifies Ray Recruited Him

WASHINGTON (AP) — Houston lawyer Percy Foreman testified today that James Earl Ray lied when he denied recruiting Foreman to defend him against the charge of assassinating Martin Luther King Jr.

Foreman told the House Assassinations Committee that he agreed to represent Ray only after receiving a written request from him.

Foreman said he had turned down at least three requests from Ray's brothers who sought his assistance for the accused assassin.

The committee took testimony from Foreman as it explored the theory that Ray was forced to plead guilty to the April 4, 1968, assassination to cover up a sinister conspiracy against the civil rights leader. Foreman, a practicing attorney for more than 50 years, represented Ray when he entered the guilty pleas in March 1969.

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